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WELFARE ASSOCIATION

On Friday, May 13, 1949, at 3:30 p.m. an "I Am An American Day" program will be held in the Jefferson Memorial Auditorium in honor of all Washington and Beltsville USDA Employees who have entered the ranks of full citizenship during the past year either through attainment of their majority or through naturalization. Special invitations will be issued to these honored guests and seats will be reserved for them until 3:15 p.m. There will be approximately 400 unreserved seats available for interested employees not receiving special invitations.

Judge Carl B. Hyatt, Director, Attorney-General Citizenship Program, will be the principal speaker at the program. Secretary Charles F. Brannan will preside. Other features of interest will be selections by the United States Navy Band, and a twenty-minute movie.

Final Reports On The Red Cross Fund

Campaign this year indicate that Agriculture Employees gave a total of \$34,952.86. A recent letter from Charles F. Brannan, Chairman of the Government Unit, to Albert J. Loveland, Chairman of the Department of Agriculture Campaign, contained the following statement: "We are proud of the Metropolitan Area of Washington in its generous support of the Red Cross. Again the capital city leads all the other large cities in its campaign attainment."

I am grateful for your own fine cooperation and leadership. Will you kindly express to your division chairmen, vice-chairmen, and keymen, my deep appreciation for their splendid performance."

SUMMER DANCING - Agriculture Dance Club starts its summer series of dances with another party at Hotel Bellevue on May 13th. The Hotel is located at 15 E St. N.W. and the dance will be held from 9 to 12.

New membership cards good until Aug. 31, '49, are available now from:
Earline Pappenberg Room 1231-S
Pauline Rovelstad Room 5079-S
Toni De Felice Room 341-W
Employee Activities Off. Room 1073-S

Graduate School summer session starts week of June 6th. Registration May 31 thru June 3rd, 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Sat. June 4th, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

HONOR DAY - 16th of May - All employees are requested to attend Agriculture's second annual Honor Awards Ceremony at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, May 16th. The outdoor Sylvan Theatre on the Washington Monument grounds will be the scene of this colorful ceremony. Presentation of 55 or more of the 70 Distinguished Service and Superior Awards granted to Agriculture employees in this past year will be an important feature of the program. Several Departmental employees are to be included in this group. There will also be special recognition on the program for a group of 10 employees, representing the large number who will receive 40 year length-of-service awards this year.

Music for the event will be furnished by the Air Forces Band. A color movie record of the ceremony will be made again this year. Senator Thomas, of Oklahoma, will deliver the principal address. Quite a number of distinguished guests from other government agencies will be on the platform, as well as members of the committees which made the Honor Award selections.

WE DID FIGHT BACK in the Cancer Drive.

The blows haven't all been counted yet but, preliminary reports indicate that Agriculture employees gave more than \$3,550.00 to the cancer fund last month.

IN SPRING WE'LL SING - What are you doing on Thursday evening, May 19th? That is when the Agriculture Choristers will have their Spring concert in the Jefferson Auditorium (curtain at 8:30 p.m.) If you can enjoy an evening of harmoniously blended choral singing, then reserve the 19th, and the Choristers will have a treat in store for you. Madrigals, American folk songs, Classical and sacred numbers will be on the program.

Mr. Lemuel Gilmore, and Miss Jean Mason, the two soloists who won 1st and 2nd prizes in the recent talent show sponsored by the Choristers will be heard on the program.

This Spring Concert will mark the Choristers first appearance under the leadership of Richard Dirksen, who is well known for his work as associate organist and choir-master at the Washington Cathedral.

REA folks will have their 14th Birthday banquet at the National Airport Terrace Room on Wed. May 11th, Speaker Sam Rayburn will deliver the principal address, says SPAN.

Agriculture Orchestra Concert June 3rd.
Initial concert of the Agriculture Orchestra, which was recently re-organized under the baton of Dr. Frederick Fall, talented Viennese Conductor and former director of the Symphony Orchestra at Tyler, Texas, will be given in the Jefferson Auditorium at 8:30 on Friday Evening, June 3rd.

The Orchestra has been expanding steadily since its first rehearsal last January and a major problem now is how to accommodate more than 80 players on the stage of the Auditorium in the South Agriculture Building for this concert.

Works of Johann Strauss, Richard Strauss, Mozart and Schubert will form the major portion of the program.

Admission to the concert will be free, but invitation cards will be issued as a means of insuring sufficient seating capacity and for identification for persons wishing to enter the building to attend the concert.

Better send a note right now to the Employee Activities Office, c/o Welfare Association, U.S.D.A. and ask for as many invitation cards as you will need for yourself and friends.

Wanted: 35 men with Rackets!!! (Tennis that is), Tennis men with experience in match play are needed to round out the Agriculture team for competition in the Interdepartmental Federal Tennis League. Write "Tennis Team Candidate" on a 3x5 card, add your name, agency, room, phone ext. and send it to Elwood Hoeffcker at BPISAE or to J. Murray Thompson, PMA Room 4709. Then Report to the East Potomac Courts on Tues and Thurs. at 6 PM and Mssrs. Hoeffcker & Thompson will introduce you to the rest of the squad and see that you get a work out. First matches this season are on Tues, May 17th.

The regular monthly meeting of the USDA Stamp Club will be held on Thursday, May 12, 1949 at 6:15 p.m. in Room 104, Administration Building.

Miss Susie J. Frazier will preside at this meeting. There will be the regular exchange session at the close of the meeting.

SOCKS to SOAP
Agriculture Employees Recreational Association members purchased more than 4,000 pairs of nylon stockings and mens' nylon hosiery during April at a total saving estimated to be well over \$1,000.00.

SOAP - Bath rounds, toilet cakes, and chips at prices that will mean a big saving to members will be featured in May by the Consumers group (A.E.C.A.) of the A.E.R.A.

RILES WANTED

Virginia Ritchhart, x5601, 1624 Kenilworth Av. (or vicinity)
Mr. & Mrs. W. Sibley, x4670, 1661 Colonial
Mrs. Greenbaum, 5th & Peabody Sts. NW
x5415
Fred Faber, x3242, 210 N. Glebe, Arlington (near Buckingham)
Elaine Montgomery, x5569, Queens Chapel Rd. & Chauncey Pl., Mt. Rainer

(Rides Wanted Cont.)

Jean Blomquist, x5096, 721 Dartmouth, Sil. Springs, Md.
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Sapp, x5492, 2829 Naylor Rd. S.E.
Jim Haggerty, x2948, Fr. No. Fairlington (S 29th St.)
Audrey Scott, x5687, 2853-28th St. SE
Mrs. Helen Stewart, x4981, 1057 W. Broad St. Falls Church, Va.
Mr. Sage, x3434, Western Ave. & Chevy Chase Circle.
March C. Walsh, x2704, McLean Gardens 3685-38th St. N.W.

RIDERS WANTED

Mr. Semple, EX.7760, Ext. 235, one or more riders for an automobile trip to Springfield, Illinois, May 21st.

ROTATOR

J. P. Cavin, x4411, Old Georgetown Rd. Area, Bethesda, Md.

BOWLING tournaments wound up the season for PMA Employees Recreation Association. Sixty members, 30 men and 30 women joined in mixed doubles competition at Lucky Strike Alleys on Sat. Spril 23rd. Those who struck it luckiest and went home winners with prizes of \$10.00 each for the afternoon included four teams composed of: Margaret Marshall and Perry Colman; Margaret Heneghan and Roy Madden; Pauline Lawrence and Alfred Fortenberry; Margaret Miller and William Means.

The Farm Credit Club is holding its annual picnic on June 11 at Marshall Hall. The main features of the day will be a boat ride, picnic, games, and a social get-together. For the past 15 years over 90% of the Farm Credit Employees have annually renewed their membership in the Farm Credit Club. Farm Credit had teams in two bowling leagues this year, the women rolling duckpins and the men tenpins.

Piggie Nite at River Bend was enjoyed by 215 people from PMA Employees Recreation Association on Thurs. Apr. 28. Food and fluids were plentiful, service was quick, plenty of room to dance, fine floor, co-operative orchestra, and an excellent host. Thats the report. Recommended for repeat performance.

BAE Club Plans to launch an Employee newsletter for B.A.E. soon. Everett Bierman will edit it with help of reporters from each Division. BAE softball team won its first game and is off to a good start. Elections of officers for BAE Club for the coming year will be held in June. Date for the Clubs' picnic has not been set.

Plant Industry Station Employees are having a hobby show in the Bureau Library on May 11, 12, and 13th. More than eighty items will be on display.

Plant Industry Station Employees Association held its annual election on April 28th. The results: Pres. E.H. Killen, Vice-Pres. Garner Green, Secretary, Laverne Richards, Treas. Frank LaParle, Editor, Ray Heinen.